
George Brown Retirees' Association Meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Call to order: Dianne Diniz called the meeting to order

Present: Dianne Diniz, Georgia Quartaro, Bob Cox, Laura Lothian-Bryant, Trish Robinson, Barb Dunlop, Jennifer Cooke, Joan Reynolds, Denise Pontone

Regrets: Debbie Plested, Anne Mackenzie-Thompson

Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by Joan Reynolds

Seconded by Trish Robinson

Carried

Motion to approve the Minutes as amended

Constant Contact prices have not increased as stated in last month's minutes.

Moved by Jennifer Cooke

Seconded by Georgia Quartaro

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

April 14 – 9-10am. Meeting with GBCRA executive meeting and Dr. Fearon. Items for discussion include GBC email addresses for GBCRA members, acknowledgement of retirees by college, what can GBCRA members give back to the college, (one idea is for us to be tutors or guest speakers), accommodations at the GBC bookstore, items from survey that Bob distributed and analyzed.

Winter Events

British Invasion

April 3/22 – 20 registered

History of Crosswords April 22/22

Rembrandt May 17/22

June 23 or 28 - new retiree recognition event. Check with President's Office for Pres. Fearon's availability. Convocation runs the week of June 13-17.

Idea – Glenn Gould student piano player or Bob's piano teacher to give an hour presentation

Idea – those employees who have declared that they are going to retire by the end of August will be invited to the June retirement event instead of waiting until the following June. Acknowledgement of those employees retiring in the fall could be done at the annual fall AGM.

Gifts for new retirees will be given to HR to distribute. Debbie has made these arrangements with HR.

Web Design – John Price and Bob Cox are organizing this.

Scholarships – Joan Reynolds

All money has been transferred to Mirna Zaldivar of the GBC Foundation. There is \$430 of the \$1500 that we are aiming for in our current account.

By-Laws – Jennifer, Joan and Debbie are the leads on this project. All board members are to review the by-laws and send suggestions for change, additions or deletions by Wed. April 6. Two non-board members will also be asked to review the by-laws. Those suggested were Gayle Takahashi and Pat Goyette.

Four new GBCRA email addresses

memberservices@gbcra.ca Debbie and Joan to manage this. Eventually it will be for membership payments

feedback@gbcra.ca – B. Cox manages newsletter questions and requests or feedback about events

info@gbcra.ca –co-chairs handle general inquiries from the College and the public

@gbcra.ca – unassigned as yet

April 25 has been chosen as the date for those members using e-transfer to pay for membership fees and other transactions via memberservices@gbcra.ca. Bob will send out an announcement to all members who have been using e-transfer deposits. gbcra2017.com will be still be active for now.

Planning for New Retirement Event June, 2022 – June 23 or 28

President will be asked to give a general welcome with two College Board members. The chair of each new retiree will be asked to say a few words about the retiree. A patio lunch will be

arranged following the virtual ceremony for those general inquiries from public and college interested.

Reports

Co-chairs – as per the minutes

Membership – D. Plested sent a written report

- Membership increased by 11 this month to 93; lifetime memberships went up by 6 YTD, increasing the total 25; senior memberships went up by 3 last month making 7 to date, and unpaid members still sits at 138. These numbers exceed our targets.

Treasurer's Report – J. Reynolds

\$11518 is the current balance. Question: Who requests the \$4000 from the College each year? It was decided that on May 1 a request will be sent to Emily by the Co-Chairs re the transfer. Should this be an automatic request? This will be put on the April 14 agenda for the meeting with the President.

Newsletter – B. Cox

There have been issues with video links, audio links and newsletter online distribution to members. Therefore, Bob will send members a note highlighting the contents of the newsletter and a link will be attached to the website for access via the website.

Reports

Seniors Association

No report as their office is not active. We are interested in learning more about their scholarship and presentation programs.

King Street campus is apparently still a fire hazard and will not likely open until September.

Bridge Club

Laura is trying to get members to take the BB and Zoom leads. There is one new member, Elaine Daigle from Business

Book Club

April 29 – Jo Sorochinsky is the guest speaker. The meeting will be on Zoom. An article will be written for the newsletter to encourage members to sign up for this event.

Theatre Club- Jennifer

Stratford tickets are now on sale for events from end of April to October. In July, Jennifer will consider organizing an event for Sept. or Oct. The show Chicago will be playing throughout the theatre season in Stratford.

Classical Music – on hold

New Business

All GBCRA related emails and passwords should be sent the Secretary (Barb Dunlop) as a backup person holding this information. Insurance policy information and Constant Contact information should also be kept by the secretary. Please forward any of this information that you have to Barb.

Scholarship Sub-Committee

A subcommittee should be formed to meet with Cindy Gouveia 2-3 times each year to streamline all of the scholarship information which will be taken to the Board. Joan, Anne, Georgia, and Dianne will form this committee.

What can a GBCRA member do for the college? A review of the survey with answers and discussion was held. The results will be discussed at the meeting the President and with Cindy Gouveia and the general comments will be published in the newsletter with positive comments and frustrations of some retirees.

Adjournment – motion made by Barb

Next Meeting – Tuesday April 19 12-2 pm